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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
LUCIANO RUI : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED
SERIAL NO: 10/584,954 :
FILED: JULY 5, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3654
FOR: DEVICE FOR CLEANING :
ROLLERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(b)

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SIR:

Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the dismissal on February 15, 2008, of the Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(b) filed October 29, 2007.

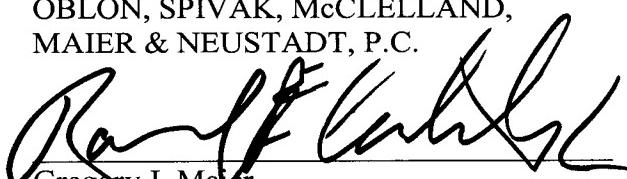
This dismissal indicated that previously submitted elements (1)-(4) and (6) listed therein as being needed for a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.47(b) were acceptable and that the only outstanding requirement was that of item (5) as to a confirmation statement by a person with firsthand knowledge "that the invention disclosed in the international application is the same as that disclosed in the assigned priority application."

It is noted that a Declaration by Mr. Christian Colombier is included with this renewed petition that clearly states that Mr. Christian Colombier has firsthand knowledge that the invention disclosed in the international application (PCT/FR05/50007 filed January 6, 2005) is the same as that disclosed in the assigned priority application (French Application FR 04/00085 filed January 7, 2004).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this renewed petition and Request for Reconsideration is accompanied by the required confirmation statement by a person with firsthand knowledge "that the invention disclosed in the international application is the same as that disclosed in the assigned priority application," and it is respectfully requested that this renewed petition and Request for Reconsideration of the Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(b) therefore corrects the above-noted deficiency in the originally filed Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(b) filed on October 29, 2007, and that this Petition under 37 CFR §1.47(b) should now be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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SIR:

I, Christian Colombier, declare and state that:

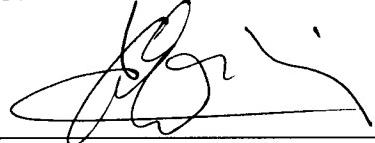
1. I am a citizen and resident of ERMONT, France and an employee of Saint-Gobain Recherche.
2. I have firsthand knowledge that the invention disclosed in International Application PCT/FR05/50007 that was filed on January 6, 2005, is the same as that disclosed in the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085, that was filed January 7, 2004.
3. In this regard, while the International Application PCT/FR05/50007 uses the word "slab" that is not expressly set forth in the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085, the terms actually used in the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085 clearly include the language "slab" in their scope. For example, the commonly accepted definition of a "sheet" includes any piece of material of rectangular shape. It is noted that the language a "sheet" of glass was used in both the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085 and

the International Application PCT/FR05/50007 application without regard to the thickness of this glass "sheet." Also, while the word "slab" was added in the International Application PCT/FR05/50007 specification and claims (Claims 9 and 11 of the originally filed French PCT application) and while this term is usually used to indicate something that is flat and relatively thick, this meaning encompasses a "thick" sheet of glass, such as a plate of glass, for example. In addition, the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085 specifically set forth the concept of conveying "flat glass" without any indication as to the thickness of this "flat glass" that is to be conveyed by the claimed device. This "flat glass" described in the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085 is language broad enough to encompass a relatively thin glass "sheet" and/or a relatively thick glass "sheet," "plate," or "slab."

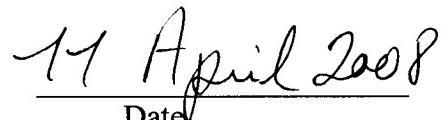
4. Another claim difference between the assigned priority French Application FR 04/00085 and the International Application PCT/FR05/50007 relates to a formal correction in Claim 12 as to changing the plural language "rolls are those of a lehr" to singular language (-- roll is that of a lehr --). Besides the addition of Claims 9 and 11 that included the "slab" language, Claim 7 was added to the International Application PCT/FR05/50007 to add a multiple dependent claim as to a roll cleaned by the device of any of Claims 1-6 and Claim 10 was added as to the use of the device for conveying "glass."

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



Christian Colombier



Date